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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has extended any financial assistance to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa for selected projects and works in view of their fight against left wing extremism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIS. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana has been formulated for dealing with the specific problems of backward areas, some of which have also been affected by left wing extremism. This scheme has three components, namely,
(i) the Backward Districts Initiative;
(ii) the Special Plan for Bihar; and
(iii) the Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa.

Under the Backward Districts Component of this scheme, 25 districts have been selected on a pilot basis of which eleven have been identified as extremist affected by Ministry of Home Affairs, including some in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

In addition, under the Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa, three extremist affected districts of the State are covered.

Further, the Special Plan for Bihar is being funded under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana for the State as a whole for identified thrust areas such as power, irrigation, roads, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, etc. through innovative delivery systems so that the prevailing bottlenecks in these sectors can be overcome and basic infrastructure provided for the future development of the State, which will also impact on the areas affected by left wing extremism.